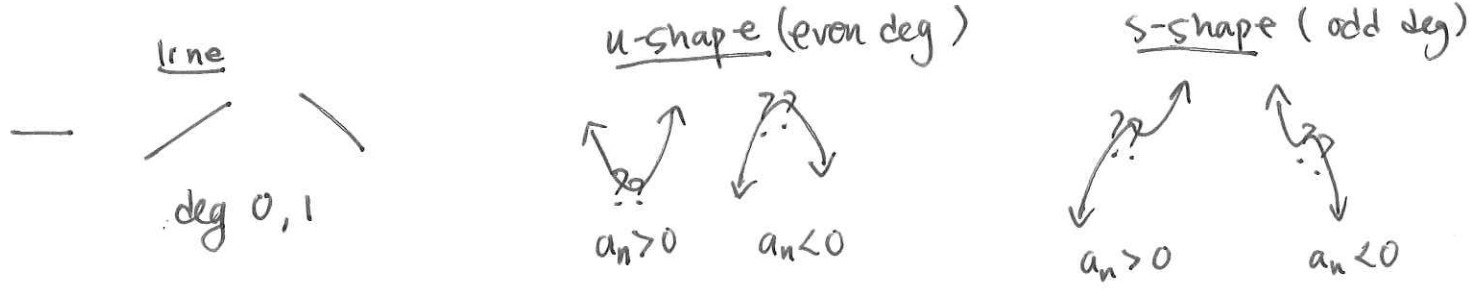


§3.1-3.3 Polynomials.

$$y = \underbrace{a_n x^n}_{\text{Lead Coeff}} + \underbrace{a_{n-1} x^{n-1}}_{\text{lead term}} + \dots + a_1 x + \underbrace{a_0}_{\text{y-int (constant term)}}$$

Lead term prop:

$f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ has same end behavior as its lead term $a_n x^n$.



Graph properties: poly graphs must:

- domain is all real #s.
- graph is continuous (can draw graph w/o lifting pencils)
no holes, no breaks, no jumps.
- graph is smooth.
no corners, pinches/cusps.

Facts about degree: If poly is of degree n

$$n \geq \# \text{ of zeros (x-intercepts)}$$

$$n-1 \geq \# \text{ of Turning points}$$

Zeros and their multiplicity:

Def: A zero $x=c$ of a polynomial has multiplicity m if $(x-c)^m$ is the largest power of $x-c$ that divides the polynomial.

Shortcut: Factor the poly completely. The exponent on $(x-c)$ is the multiplicity.

Example 1 Given the poly; Find its zeros, their multiplicities and sketch.

(a) $y = (x-1)(x-2)^2(x+3)^3$ → Lead term: $x \cdot x^2 \cdot x^3 = x^6$

Zeros: $x=1, 2, -3$
↑ ↑ ↑
mult 1 mult 2 mult 3.
line @ x-int u-shape @ x-int s-shape @ x-int
(1,0) (2,0) (-3,0)

$y_{int}: (-1)(-2)^2(3)^3 = -4(27) = -108$

(b) $y = 2x^5 - x^4 - x^3 = x^3(2x^2 - x - 1) = x^3(x-1)(2x+1)$

Zeros: $x=0, 1, -1/2$
↑ ↑ ↑
mult 3 mult 1

$y_{int}: (0,0)$
lead term: $2x^5$

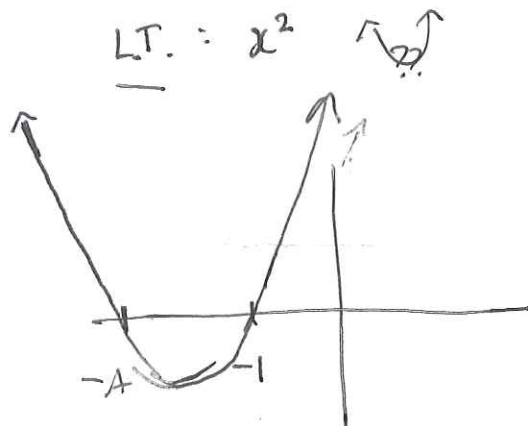
Example: Sketch a graph of the polynomial $C > A > 1 > B > 0$

(a) $y = x^2 + (A+1)x + A$

x-int: $0 = x^2 + (A+1)x + A$
 $= (x+1)(x+A)$

$x = -1, x = -A$
 $\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
 mult 1 \qquad \qquad mult 1

y-int: $(0, A)$



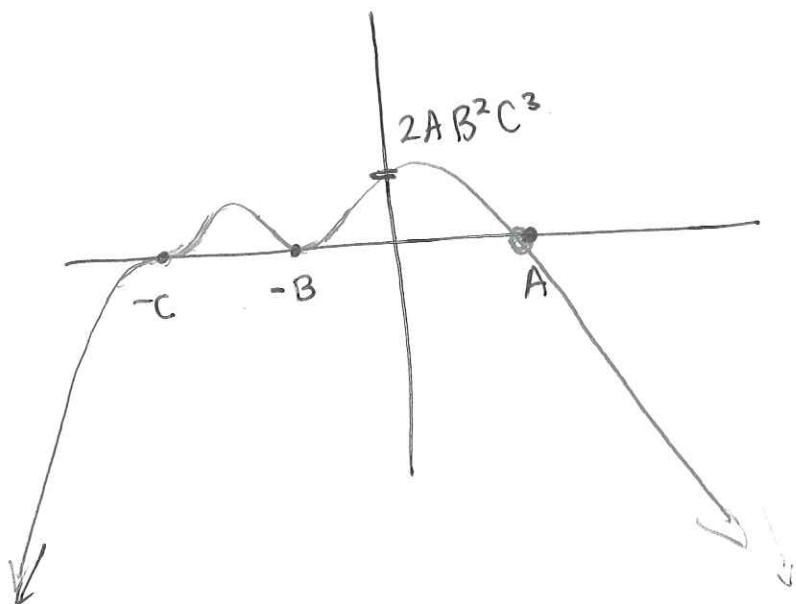
(b) $y = -2(x-A)(x+B)^2(x+C)^3$

x-int: $x = A, x = -B, x = -C$
 $\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
 mult 1 \qquad mult 2 \qquad mult 3

$C > A > 1 > B > 0$

y-int: $-2(-A)(B)^2(C)^3$
 $= 2AB^2C^3$

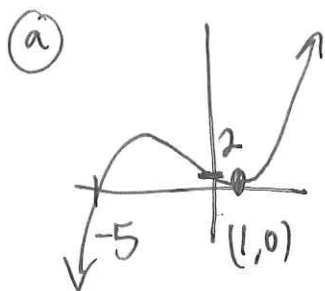
LT: $-2(x)(x^2)(x^3) = -2x^6$
 ↘ ↗



Find a formula for a polynomial:

FACTORED FORM IS USUALLY EASIEST.

Example 2: Find the formula for the poly w/ the given properties.



xint: $x = -5 \leftarrow \text{mult } 1$
 $x = 1 \leftarrow \text{mult } 2$

$$y = a(x+5)^1(x-1)^2$$

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$$y \text{ int } (0, 2) \Rightarrow 2 = a(5)(-1)^2$$
$$a = 2/5$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{5}(x+5)(x-1)^2$$

(b) degree 5 w/ x intercepts only at $(1, 0)$ $(-2, 0)$ $(4, 0)$
and ~~ext~~ end behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow +\infty$ \uparrow
as $x \rightarrow +\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$. \downarrow ??

(many, many possible solutions)

$$y = - (x-1)^2 (x+2)^2 (x-4)^1$$

\uparrow

downward
S shape

or $-(x-1)^3 (x+2)(x-4)$

Factoring techniques for polynomials:

DO NOT DO: ~~Descartes Rule of sign pg 275~~
(OMIT) ~~The upper/lower bounds thm pg 276~~) 3.3.

You will
need to
know

: Rational Zeros theorem:

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

~~Say that $\frac{p}{q}$~~ The only rational zeros
of $f(x)$ must be of the form

$$\left(\frac{p}{q} \right)$$

where p is a factor of a_0
 q is a factor of a_n .

Example: Find all rational zeros of

$$f(x) = 12x^4 + 2x - 6$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \swarrow & \searrow \\ q & 12 & 1 \\ & 3 & 4 \\ & 6 & 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & 1 & 6 & p \\ & 2 & 3 \end{array}$$

possible rational zeros:

$$\frac{6}{1}, \frac{6}{12}, \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\frac{6}{4}, \frac{6}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{6}{6}, \frac{6}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}$$

Factor Thm: For a polynomial:

$x=c$ is a zero $\iff x-c$ is a factor



$(c,0)$ is an
x-intercept

Remainder theorem: For a polynomial $p(x)$, if we divide $p(x)$ by $x-c$, the remainder from long division is $p(c)$.

Example: Factor completely:

(a) $P(x) = \underbrace{x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x - 2}_{\text{poly}}$

$x = -2$ is a zero from calc. $\rightarrow (x+2)$ is a factor.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 1 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x - 2} \\ \underline{-(x^3 + 2x^2)} \\ 2x^2 + 3x - 2 \\ \underline{-(2x^2 + 4x)} \\ -x - 2 \\ \underline{-(-x + 2)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\implies p(x) = (x+2)(\underbrace{x^2 + 2x - 1}_{\uparrow})$$

zeros $0 = x^2 + 2x - 1$

QF.

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4}}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -1 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -1 - \sqrt{2}$$

$$P(x) = (x+2)(x - (-1 + \sqrt{2}))(x - (-1 - \sqrt{2}))$$

Ex. Find the real zeros.

$$y = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 12$$

$x=3$ is a zero $\Rightarrow \underline{x-3}$ is a factor.

zero

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 1 & -5 & 2 & 12 \end{array} \leftarrow \text{coefficients of poly}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 1 & -5 & 2 & 12 \\ & \downarrow & \nearrow 3 & \nearrow -6 & \nearrow -12 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & -4 & 0 \end{array}$$

mult by zero to go diagonally, add going down.

remainder

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 12 = \underline{(x-3)}(x^2 - 2x - 4)$$

doesn't factor

$$0 = x^2 - 2x - 4$$

Q.F. $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+16}}{2} = (1 \pm \sqrt{5})$

$$\boxed{x = 3, 1 + \sqrt{5}, 1 - \sqrt{5}}$$

You try: $y = x^4 - 7x^3 + 14x^2 - 3x - 9 = (x-3)^2(x^2 - x - 1)$

$x=3$ (mult 2) $\Rightarrow (x-3)^2$ is a factor

Q.F. $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$